विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र कुमार भगतराम अलघ): (क) और (ख) पारेषण लाइनों के निर्माण और पारेषण, प्रणाली का समेकित रूप से प्रचालन के लिए मुख्य रूप से सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र ही उत्तरदायी होगा। पारेषण संबंधी गतिकलाप स्वतंत्र रूप से हाथ में लिए जाने और पारेषण में निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदारी की सुविधा के लिए बिजली अधिनियम (संशोधन) विधेयक 1992 प्रस्तुत किया गया है ताकि जब कभी भी अपेक्षित हो तो सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के प्रयासों की पूर्ति की जा सके।

16 अक्तूबर और 3 दिसम्बर 1996 को आयोजित मुख्य मंत्रियों के सम्मेलन में यह निर्णय लिया गया था कि पारेषण में निजी क्षेत्र को भागीदारी की अनुमति दिए जाने के लिए भारत सरकार को बिजली अधिनियम में संशोधन करने चाहिए। इस निर्णय के अनुशरण में यह विधेयक प्रस्तुत किया गया था।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदारी से राज्य के अन्दर अथवा अन्तः राज्य के पारेषण लाइनों का निर्माण किया जायेगा। राज्य के अन्दर की पारेषण लाइनों के मामले में केवल एक राज्य के द्वारा ही बिल बनाया जायेगा। इसलिए राज्यों के बीच पारेषण प्रभारों का भुगतान किए जाने संबंधी प्रश्न का कोई सवाल नहीं उठता। अन्तः राज्य के लाइनों के मामले में पावरग्रिड के माध्यम से संविदात्मक व्यवस्था के द्वारा नियंत्रित रूप से भुगतान सुनिश्चित किया जायेगा।

Setting up of a small car unit with Malaysia's collaboration

*71. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government for setting up a new small car unit in collaboration with Malaysia's national car 'Proton', at Vizag;

(b) whether any studies have been undertaken to find out if new manufacturing unit of automobiles should be set up in the country, especially when there is already glut of cars in the country;

(c) what are the probable demand of passenger cars in the next five years in India;

(d) what is the production capacity and actual production;

(e) whether the quality of Indian passenger car is to be the same as it is in developed nations; and

(f) whether these are fuel-efficient, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No proposal from Malaysia's Proton Company for setting up a new small car plant at Vizag has been received by the Government. The location of a car manufacturing unit is entirely left to the entrepreneur and Government does not intervene in such matters.

(b) and (c) The manufacture of automobiles in the country is delicensed under the liberalised policy. The manufacturers are free to set up their units, conduct their own studies/surveys of the automobile markets, and decide on manufacturing capacity, location of the plant etc. according to their own commercial perception and market demand.

There are two studies conducted on the forecast for demand for cars.

(i) as per the Study made by DRI/ Mcgraw-Hill the demand forecast for passenger cars for the years 2000 and 2005 are 5.2 lakhs and 7.5 lakhs respectively.

(ii) According to the study made by the EIU (Economic Intelligence Unit)/ Mckinsey the demand recast of passenger cars for the year 2000-01 is indicated at 8.34 lakhs.

(d) Current production capacity of passenger cars : 7,80,000 units.

Actual production : 4,04,040 units.
of cars during the
year 1996-97

(e) and (f) The quality including fuel efficiency of cars being produced in India is comparable to what it is in the developed countries as the technologies currently in use are contemporary.

Subsidy on KVIC products

*72. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:
SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the subsidy @10% plus 20% being allowed on Khadi and Village Industry products has been discontinued from the next financial year;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether this action on the part of Government is in consonance with the celebration of 50th Independence anniversary of the country; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to continue giving such rebate on the Khadi and Village Industries products as has been giving in the past?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The Government has been announcing the rebate(subsidy) policy from year to year on Khadi and Khadi related items. The rebate order for the year 1997-98 has been issued on 16.5.97 allowing normal rebate @10% upto 14.8.97 and a special rebate @15% from 15.8.97 to 14.8.98 on Khadi and Khadi related items. The special rebate has been announced due to the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence.

Target set up for 'BHEL vision 2001'

*73. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the turnover target of BHEL vision 2001, the Bangalore based electronic units of the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited;

(b) the policies of Government to give preference to the State owned BHEL in the electronic business in preference to other companies; and

(c) the steps taken to encourage porfit earning PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The BHEL vision 2001 is a qualitative statement broadly outlining the directions which the company has set for itself. However, the Bangalore based Electronics Unit of BHEL has set an objective to double its turnover by 2001 from the base level of Rs. 351 crores in 1996-97.

(b) No preference has been extended to BHEL in the development of its electronic business.

(c) Being a major profit making PSU, BHEL has been declared as one of the 'Navratnas' to be encouraged to become a world player.

Financial assistance to SC, ST and Minority Communities of North-Eastern region

*74. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance provided to the people of North-East Region belonging to the SC, ST and Minority Community during each year of the Eighth Five Year Plan, State-wise and Community-wise;

(b) whether the Minority Development Finance Corporation is to work under the State SC/ST Development Finance Corporation; and

(c) if so, why the Minority Development Finance Corporation is not constituted separately from the State SC/ST Development Finance Corporation?